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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371**

International Application No.: PCT/NL99/00583 ✓
International Filing Date: September 21, 1999 ✓
Priority Date Claimed: October 14, 1998 ✓
Title of Invention: SORTING/STORAGE DEVICE FOR WAFERS AND METHOD FOR
HANDLING THEREOF ✓
Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US: Albert Hasper, Sebastiaan Eliza Nooten, Menso Hendriks ✓

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. (X) This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
2. () This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
3. (X) This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. (X) A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. (X) A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2))
 - a) () is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) (X) has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) () is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. () A translation of the International Application into English (35 USC 371(c)(2)).
7. (X) Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3))
 - a) () are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) () have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) () have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d) (X) have not been made and will not be made.
8. () A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)).
9. (X) An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC 371(c)(4)).
10. (X) A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report with any annexes thereto, such as any amendments made under PCT Article 34.
11. () A translation of the annexes, such as any amendments made under PCT Article 34, to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC 371(c)(5)).

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Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:

12. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
13. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
14. ☒ A FIRST preliminary amendment.
☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☒ International Application as published.
18. ☐ Small Entity Statement.
19. ☐ PCT Form PCT/IPEA/402.
20. ☐ PCT Form PCT/IB/308.
21. ☐ PCT request form.
22. ☒ International Search Report.
23. ☒ Three (3) sheets of drawings
24. ☒ A return prepaid postcard.
25. ☒ The following fees are submitted:

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				FEEs
BASIC FEE				\$860
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total Claims	7 - 20 =	0 ×	\$18	\$0
Independent Claims	2 - 3 =	0 ×	\$80	\$0
Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable)			\$270	\$0
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$860
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TOTAL NATIONAL FEE				\$860
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED				\$860
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26. (X) A check in the amount of \$860 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
27. (X) Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property.
28. (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge only those additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, to avoid abandonment of the application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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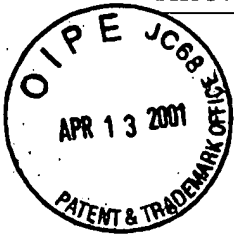
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I hereby certify that the accompanying

1. Transmittal Letter in 3 pages
2. Specification in 9 pages
3. Preliminary amendment in 3 pages
4. Three (3) sheets of drawings
5. International Application as Published
6. International Preliminary Examination Report with Notification Page
7. International Search Report
8. Declaration and Power of Attorney in 3 pages
9. Assignment and Recordal Coversheet in 3 pages
10. \$860 check for filing fee
11. \$40 check for recordation of assignment
12. Return, prepaid postcard

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